



# WeeklyViews

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On Thursday, February 5, 2015, the Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) Animals Depending On Prison Time (ADOPT) program presented a check to the Parke-Vermillion County Humane Society (PVCHS) in the amount of \$1,180.77. The money raised was a result of a fundraiser held at RCF in which the population was allowed to purchase higher-end hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner and body wash that is normally not available for purchase. The ADOPT program raises money to purchase necessary such as such as dog food, leashes, etc..(Photo -from left to right: PVCHS board member Steve Sherrill, PVCHS Shelter Manager, Janine Ostrum,

*PVCHS Board President, Mark Southwick and RCF ADOPT Program Coordinator, Sherry White.)*

Edinburgh Correctional Facility was honored to have three military Officers from the Israel Home Front Command tour the Facility. They have been visiting Indiana this week and are partners with the Indiana National Guard. The officers were very impressed with the staff, cleanliness and all the programming we offer our offenders. They were also very impressed with our location inside Camp Attebury Joint Maneuver Training Center. Prior to their departure they presented Superintendent Osburn with a crystal paper weight that has the Home Front Command symbol carved on the inside and a pen engraved "Israel National Rescue Unit." Superintendent Osburn said, "We are very grateful to have such dignitaries tour our Facility, that they took time out of their schedule to spend time with us."



*(Photo right L-R: LTC Powers, LTC Moshe, Supt Osburn, Colonel Golan and LTC Blitz.)*



To demonstrate their appreciation for her hard work, volunteer Sandy Sidwell was presented with an Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN) valentine from Superintendent Dushan Zatecky and Assistant Superintendent of Re-Entry Andrew Cole. Sandy retired from the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) in May of 2014, after 15 years of dedicated service. Having missed her colleagues, Sandy returned in September 2014, to serve as a volunteer and assist staff in the facility's mailroom. *(photo Sandy Sidwell with Cubby)*

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) volunteer fireman, Sergeant John Bolger, got more than he bargained for during a recent fire training session. The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) presented him with a 25 year pin in honor of his service. Sergeant Bolger said he first started fighting fires when he was 16 years old, volunteering in Clark County with the Vincennes Township Sellersburg Fire Department. He estimates taking part in hundreds of fire runs during his over 25 years of fire fighting. The WVCF Volunteer Fire Department is a member of the Sullivan County Mutual Aid Agreement, assisting area communities in time of need. IVFA District 11A Chairman Ralph Taylor made the surprise presentation, thanking Bolger for his long and valued commitment to fire fighting. Congratulations John!



The Employee Appreciation Planning Committee at the Indiana State Prison held a Chili Cook-off. To our luck it was one of the coldest days in the year, so this was well received by staff. The committee earned approximately \$140.00. In the photo Jacob Michael Abraham won first place and received a gift card. Thanks to all who participated. *(In the photo: Debbie Osos, Pam Pizarek, Mary Hurst, Jacob Michael Abraham, Kathy Chase and Pam Bane.)*